Nos. 82-952 & 82-1001

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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STATE OF MARYLAND, ET AL.,

Appellees,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, ET AL.,

Appellants.

On Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia

RESPONSE OF THE STATE APPELLANTS TO MOTIONS TO EXPEDITE CONSIDERATION

The States of Maryland, Arizona, Delaware, Illinois, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin, The Commonwealth of Virginia, the Public Service Commissions of Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and Wisconsin, the Public Utilities Commission of South Dakota and the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("State Appellants") support the motions of the United States of America and American Telephone and Telegraph Company to the extent that these motions ask this Court to expedite this appeal by the earliest possible consideration of the jurisdictional questions before the Court and, if oral argument is permitted, the scheduling of briefing and oral argument within the present Term of this Court.

Although the parties disagree with regard to the merits and substance of the issues on appeal, it is agreed by all that immediate consideration of these appeals by this Court is of general public importance in the administration of justice.

In addition, all parties agree that oral argument during this Term will serve the public interest and the interests of the parties. Prompt plenary consideration of the important questions raised by this appeal will prevent abrogation of State law, remove significant uncertainties presently overhanging the settlement, and will avoid needless settlement implementation efforts.

Accordingly, State Appellants concur with the Department of Justice and AT&T to the extent that, if this Court notes probable jurisdiction and sets this case for oral argument, briefing and argument should take place within the present Term of this Court.

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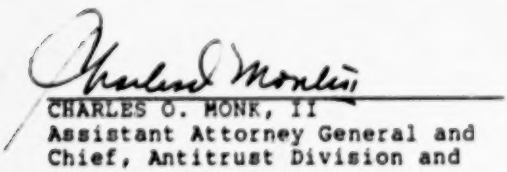

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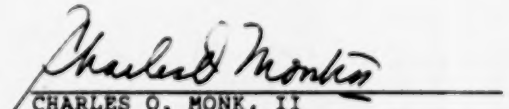

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